GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1860
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SEA BEACH EROSION IN WEST BENGAL
PRABODH PANDA

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Digha Development Authority of West Bengal hasdrawn the attention of the Union Government towards seriousthreat of sea beach erosion posed by Bay of Bengal; and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith preventive steps proposed by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) No reference of serious threat to sea beach erosion has been received from Digha Development Authority. However, a proposal for protection of vulnerable coastal area from sea erosion was submitted by Government of West Bengal to the Central Water Commission (CWC) for inclusion under the National Coastal Protection Project (NCPP) planned by the CWC for external funding.

(b) Aforesaid proposal of Government of West Bengal for construction of 10.75 Km. of beach protection works in the districts of South 24 Parganas and Midnapore (Digha) and 36.50 Kms of bank protection works in the tidal reaches of the rivers in the districts of South 24 Parganas and North 24 Parganas has been included under Phase-I of NCPP prepared by the CWC.